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Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated November 5, 1947 setting forth the State Department's problems due to the withdrawal of the State Department representation on the Joint Intelligence Committee and the Joint Intelligence Staff. Under the reorganizations now taking place, I am making arrangements which will, I hope, meet your problems.

It is my understanding that since there is now a National Security Council and a National Security Resources Board, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will have duties considerably different from their war-time powers.

It is thought that the National Security Council, of which the Secretary of State is a member, will determine policy and instruct the Joint Chiefs of Staff, when necessary, to make plans of a military nature pertaining only to the armed forces. The Chairman of the National Security Resources Board and other members of the National Security Council will have taken appropriate action to render support to the Joint Chiefs in connection with the instructions from the Council.

For your information, arrangements are being made for me to be on the Joint Intelligence Committee and for the Deputy Director for the Joint Intelligence Group to be a permanent member of the Intelligence Advisory Committee which I propose to establish under Section 303 of the National Security Act of 1947. It is thought, therefore, that the State Department may thus be kept fully informed on intelligence matters.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Central Intelligence

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